

Questions, Quotes and Notes

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Titus 1:5-9: Take Me to Your Leaders

Pre-Sermon:

Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What do you think are some of the marks of a healthy church?
2. What are some reasons it is so important for a church to be healthy?
3. How important are a church's leaders to its being spiritually healthy? Why do you say that?
4. What is an elder and what does an elder do?

Mid-Sermon:

We are looking at Titus 1:5-9 together and seeing: 1.) That we need elders 2.) What kind of elders we need and 3.) Why we need elders. But instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. What are we talking about today?
2. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete?
3. Why is the church important?
4. If you ask God, what does it take to have a strong local church where would He start?
5. What are different terms the Bible uses to describe elders?
6. What is the only particular gifting the Bible talks about an elder needing?
7. What is the difference between a pastor and an elder?
8. What stands out from Paul's list about the qualifications to look for in an elder?
9. Why do we need elders?

- Important Cross References:

1. 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Notes:

Post Sermon:

- Important Quotes:
 1. "The character and effectiveness of any church is directly related to the quality of its leadership."
 2. John Mott's list of leadership qualities:
 - a. Do the little things well.
 - b. Focus on priorities.
 - c. Use leisure well.
 - d. Have intensity.
 - e. Has the potential for growth.
 - f. Perseveres when discouraged.
 - g. Has hope in seemingly impossible situations.
 3. Some questions from Oswald Sander's list of leadership qualities:
 - a. Is he able to change?
 - b. Does he have self control when things go wrong?
 - c. Does he think independently?
 - d. How does he respond to criticism?
 - e. Is he a peacemaker?
 - f. Can he motivate people to happily do some legitimate thing that they normally would not wish to do?
 - g. How does he respond when people disagree with him?
 - h. Is he good at making friends?
 - i. Is he interested in all kinds of people?
 - j. Is he quick to forgive?
 - k. Does he welcome responsibility?
 - l. Does he direct people or develop people.
 4. John Piper's list:
 - a. Restless
 - b. Optimistic
 - c. Intense
 - d. Self controlled
 - e. Thick skinned
 - f. Energetic
 - g. Hard thinker
 - h. Articulate
 - i. Able to teach
 - j. Tactful
 - k. Theological
 - l. A dreamer
 - m. Organized
 - n. Decisive
 - o. Persevering
 - p. Loving

- q. Restful
- 5. John MacArthur:
 - a. Steady
 - b. A good communicator
 - c. A man with great personal integrity
 - d. Selfless
 - e. Able to see what others don't
 - f. Kind
 - g. Joyful
 - h. Hard working

- Application:

We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

1. How did this message give you hope? What should you believe as a result of this message?
2. Will you pray for these kinds of elders for Cornerstone Bible Church?
3. If elders are an example of what we should all be like, what quality in particular stood out to you as one that you need to work on?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions:

Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

1. What passage did we talk about today?
2. What are some of the other words for elder in the Bible?
3. Who are the elders at Cornerstone Bible Church?
4. Why do we need elders?
5. What are some of the most important qualities we should look for in elders?

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